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- 1. Party discipline is currently almost completely lacking among the middle and lower echelons of the FCY (Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia). Despite recent efforts of the Party to enforce discipline in the ranks and to make the membership politically active, obedience to all directives is merely formal. The members are characterized as disappointed over the political and economic failures of the regime, resentful of broken promises, especially of those pertaining to their personal financial betterment, and tired of constant economic experimentation. In addition, they are in desperate financial straits because of their inadequate salaries and resentful of the lavish mode of living among top level Party leaders. Their only interest is to achieve a better position in the administration through struggle and intrigue.
- Whereas two years ago it would have been unheard of for a Party member to criticize other members openly, this is a normal phenomenon today, and it is not punished.
- 3. The following was cited as an example of this new lack of discipline: An official of Elektrosrbija and FCY member, who was envious of those members of the enterprise who were sent abroad with high allowances, started to organize the members of the staff against the management and to engage in open criticism. The General Manager, instead of dropping him from the enterprise and obtaining his expulsion from the Party, offered him a business trip abroad for the enterprise, on condition that he would abandon his critical attitude and refrain from organizing opposition. The official agreed and was recommended for the business trip.

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